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9 KENNETH E. SMITH,

No. C 06-2966 CW

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 CITIFINANCIAL; CITIBANK
13 USA, NA; et al.

14 Defendant(s).
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**ORDER DENYING MULTIPLE
DEFENDANTS' REQUESTS TO BE
EXCUSED FROM PERSONAL
ATTENDANCE AT MEDIATION**

16 Having considered the written submissions from the parties, the Court finds that
17 Defendants Equifax, Trans Union, and Experian (collectively, "Defendants") have not
18 demonstrated that the personal attendance by their representatives at an upcoming mediation
19 would "impose an extraordinary or otherwise unjustifiable hardship." *See* ADR Local Rule,
20 6-9(d). Accordingly, the Court DENIES Defendants' request to be relieved from compliance
21 with the ADR Local Rules by having their representatives attend the upcoming mediation by
22 telephone.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: September 28, 2006

25 Copies to:

26 WDB, stats
27 CW, ADR, neutral, all parties
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WAYNE D. BRAZIL
United States Magistrate Judge